

STATE OF MAINE
BUSINESS AND CONSUMER DOCKET

STANDING ORDER REGARDING TRANSFERS OF VENUE
Effective June 1, 2007

WHEREAS, pursuant to 14 M.R.S. § 508, the Chief Justice of the Superior Court may, in the interests of justice and to secure the speedy trial of actions and the efficient scheduling of trials, or for other good cause, transfer any civil action or proceeding from the Superior Court in one county to another county;

WHEREAS, pursuant to 4 M.R.S. § 155(8), the Chief Judge of the District Court may transfer any case or proceeding from one division of the District Court to another division for the convenience of parties or witnesses or in the interests of justice; and

WHEREAS, the Business and Consumer Docket (BCD) is a statewide specialized docket in the State of Maine for certain Superior Court and District Court cases, and the BCD is not limited to specific counties or court divisions.

NOW, THEREFORE, consistent with Administrative Order JB-07-01, it is ORDERED, as follows:

Any BCD Justice or Judge is hereby authorized, in the interests of justice and to secure the speedy trial of actions and the efficient scheduling of trials, or for other good cause, to transfer any Superior Court civil action on the Business and Consumer Docket (BCD) to any county in the State of Maine for trial or for any other proceedings or matters; and

Any BCD Justice or Judge is hereby authorized to transfer any District Court civil or family action on the Business and Consumer Docket (BCD) to any division in the State of Maine for trial or for any other proceedings or matters for the convenience of parties or witnesses or in the interests of justice.

Dated: June 1, 2007

Thomas E. Humphrey
Chief Justice, Superior Court

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John C. Nivison
Chief Judge, District Court